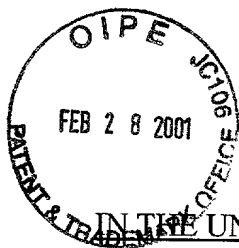


Atty Dkt No  
33082M072



**PATENT**

Applicant : Koji EGASHIRA and Yuji KAMIKAWA

Serial No. : To Be Assigned

Group Art Unit: To Be Assigned

Customer No. : 00441

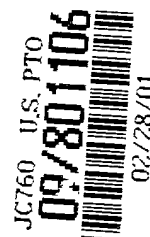
Filed : February 28, 2001

Examiner: To Be Assigned

For : LIQUID PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD

**LETTER ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION**  
**FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.52(d)**

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231



Sir:

The subject application is being filed in a foreign language (Japanese) under 37 C.F.R. 1.52(d). The enclosed Japanese language application includes 24 pages of written disclosure and 12 sheets of formal drawings.

This application is based on Japanese Patent Appln. No. 2000-053402 filed on February 29, 2000 and priority is claimed. Attached is a Claim For Foreign Priority and a certified copy of the foreign priority document.

A verified English language translation and signed Declaration will be filed in due course.

The filing fees with be paid in due course.

It is requested that correspondence in connection with this application be addressed to:

SMITH, GAMBRELL & RUSSELL, LLP  
1850 M Street, N.W., Suite 800  
Washington, D.C. 20036

Respectfully submitted,



00441

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

By

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'M. Makuch', written over a horizontal line.

Michael A. Makuch, Reg. No. 32,263  
SMITH, GAMBRELL & RUSSELL, LLP  
1850 M Street, N.W., Suite 800  
Washington, D.C. 20036  
Telephone: (202) 659-2811  
Facsimile: (202) 263-4329

February 28, 2001